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TELEGRAMS

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE AMERICAN PEACE NOTE.

ENGLISH PRESS SURPRISED AND PAINED.

INCREASED PRO-GERMAN ACTIVITY IN THE STATES.

December 22, 6.20 a.m.
Surprise and pain, rather than indignation, are the sentiments expressed in the English newspapers at President Wilson's Note. They do not doubt President Wilson's sincerity in attempting to be impartial towards belligerents, but they are astonished at his placing Germany on a par with the Allies as regards the objects of war. The utterances of Lincoln and Seward at the time of the Civil War, regarding permanent peace and intervention, are generally recalled as the best model of the Allies' attitude now.

The opinion is expressed that President Wilson is taking soundings, and will withdraw when he finds the water too deep, and await a more favourable opportunity.

Has America Been Approached by Germany?

December 22, 7.00 a.m.
It is pointed out that President Wilson's Note arrived in London on Monday before Mr. Lloyd George's speech was delivered. It was de-coded on Tuesday and delivered to the Foreign Office on Wednesday. Therefore, it must have been conceived before Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg delivered his speech.

There are various surmises as to the motives of President Wilson's course at the present juncture. It is pointed out that pro-German activity in America has increased since his re-election, and that there has been a strong agitation in the United States in favour of an embargo on food exports. It is possible that President Wilson has received special information from the German Government, indicating the extent to which it is prepared to go in the direction of reparation, restitution and guarantees.

U.S. Neutrality Maintained.

December 22, 1.35 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, late in the day, Mr. Lansing, after a conference with President Wilson, issued another statement, designed, as he said, to make clear, beyond all question, that there had been no change in the policy of the neutrality of the United States.

The Official World Surprised

December 22, 1.33 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, President Wilson's Note has surprised the official world. None of the Ambassadors apparently had any idea of the intention of Mr. Lansing, who, in the course of a statement, said:—"We are mindful of our own rights in despatching the Note. These are becoming more and more involved by the belligerents, and we are entitled to know what each belligerent seeks in order to regulate our future conduct." It was only decided to send the Note on December 18.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

The King's Message.

December 22, 3.20 p.m.
Parliament has been prorogued until February 7.

December 22, 3.20 p.m.
His Majesty the King, in his prorogation speech, said:—"Throughout the months that have elapsed since I last addressed you, my Navy and Army, in conjunction with those of our faithful Allies, have, by unceasing vigilance and indomitable valour, justified the high trust I have placed in them. I am confident that, however long the struggle, their efforts will be supported by the inflexible determination of all my subjects throughout the Empire, and will finally achieve a victorious consummation of those aims for which we entered the war. My Government has been re-constructed with the sole object of furthering those aims, which are unaltered and unimpaired."

"The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavour until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation. In this sacred cause I am assured of the united support of all my peoples, and I pray Almighty God to give us His blessing."

His Majesty thanked the House of Commons for the unstinted liberality with which it continued to provide for the burdens of the war.

BRITISH SUCCESS IN EGYPT.

El Arish Recaptured After Two Years.

December 22, 3.20 p.m.
An official message from Egypt says:—"We have occupied El Arish after it had been two years in the enemy's hands. The enemy intended a stubborn resistance and had constructed a strong entrenched position at Ma Ssid, covering El Arish. The rapidity of our advance, however, completely upset his calculations and forestalled the arrival of the enemy's reinforcements. The enemy abandoned the position on the night of December 19 and retreated east and south-east."

The re-capture of El Arish is a serious blow to the Turks.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

December 22, 4.35 p.m.
A French communiqué reports lively artillery activity north of Mostar.

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THE WESTERN FRONT.

Lively Artillery Activity.

December 22, 4.35 p.m.
A French communiqué reports lively artillery activity in the Louvemont district.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE QUESTION.

French Approval of Mr. Lloyd George's Speech.

December 20, 2.55 p.m.
The French Press cordially approves of Mr. Lloyd George's speech and does not doubt that the Allied reply will be in the same spirit.

The German comments hitherto received have been of moderate tone.

Their newspapers remark that at present, at any rate, there appears a great gulf between the British and German standpoints. They assert regarding reparation by Germany that she was not responsible for the war, has not broken international laws and is undefeated.

An American View.

December 20, 2.55 p.m.
A Washington message states that the speech is construed as leaving the door open for negotiations. Count Bernstorff is credited with the remark: "That sounds as if they would not refuse to talk peace."

German officials expect Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg to confidentially communicate peace terms to the British Government.

What Germany Wants.

December 21, 1.10 p.m.
The "Frankfurter Zeitung," in an inspired article, indicates that Germany desires a reduction of Britain's naval supremacy, a rearrangement of continental Europe on the basis of the present war position, and colonial settlement satisfying the German ambitions for expansion.

Mr. Bonar Law on Misplaced Trust.

December 22, 12.45 a.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, following Sir J. Simon, said the nation was suffering terrible agony because it had trusted Germany. He asked could a promise of peace be more binding than a treaty to protect the neutrality of Belgium. What would be the position if peace were settled on the German basis of their victorious army? The dangers and miseries from which the world was suffering were only curable by making the Germans realise that frightfulness does not pay and militarism is a bad rule. We were fighting for security for peace in the coming time. The war would have been fought vainly unless it ensured that no single man or group of men would be able to plunge the world into the miseries of war.

President Wilson's Note.

December 22, 2.53 a.m.
President Wilson, in his Note, suggested that the belligerents should avow their desires with regard to arrangements for a guarantee against future war. He feels it his duty and right to point out his interest in the conclusion of the war. The situation of the neutral nations is now exceedingly hard to endure and will be rendered altogether intolerable. He submits that the authoritative spokesmen of either side have not avowed the precise objects which if attained will satisfy them. The world is left to conjecture what definite results would accrue from an actual exchange of guarantees. Political or territorial changes, or readjustments of the stage of military success even would end the war. He speculates on the possibility of the belligerents' terms not being so irreconcilable as feared, and states that an interchange of views would clear the way for a conference.

American Stock Markets Weakened.

December 22, 3.40 a.m.
President Wilson's note and the statement by Mr. Lansing that the United States is on the verge of war has weakened the stock markets. The total sales are three million shares, which is the largest since the North Pacific corner in 1901. Cotton is practically demoralised. Wheat alone hardened in the afternoon, on reports of enormous exports.

German-Americans Jubilant.

December 22, 4.30 a.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, Teutonic sympathisers in the German-American Press are most jubilant at President Wilson's note, which they hail as a great victory for Count Bernstorff, who has been conducting a vigorous peace propaganda.

Some of the leading newspapers assert that the President's action is inopportune and unfortunate. Others welcome the suggestion of peace and hope that he will induce the European statesmen to define their aims and terms.

The "Tribune" regrets that President Wilson, who did not protest against the violation of Belgium, has practically endorsed the German peace manoeuvre.

The "Herald" states that suspicion is aroused that the President's action will militate against his object.

The "New York World" states that President Wilson's suggestions cannot be ignored. They represent the sentiment of the majority of Americans.

The "Sun" states that the most momentous feature of the note is the change in the historical attitude of the United States towards foreign affairs.

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SIR HUGH DALY HONOURED.

December 20, 1.10 p.m.
The King has received Sir Hugh Daly and invested him with the insignia of Knight Commander of the Star of India.

LATEST SINKINGS.

December 20, 1.10 p.m.
The latest sinkings are:—The steamers Asou (Spanish) and Sjofna (Norwegian), the sailing ships Joergen Larsen (Danish) and Niord (Swedish).

INDIAN QUESTIONS.

December 20, 8.10 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Brookes suggested increased taxation in India.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that additional taxation had already been imposed.

In reply to Mr. Rees, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council made very important suggestions regarding the protraction of Indian litigation, which the Raj was considering. He, Mr. Chamberlain, was fully alive to the need of a reformed procedure.

Mr. Nield drew attention to the permission given to the diamond merchants, Leon Menasche, to trade in India and to visit Ceylon.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that he was not in a position to state definitely the reason of the decision, but he understood that the members of the firm, although Turkish subjects, were Jews of Spanish origin, and refugees from Antwerp. He was informed that they were entirely pro-Ally. Apart from their nationality he gathered that nothing was known to their disadvantage in India.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Violent Bombardment.

December 22, 12.30 a.m.
A Paris communiqué states:—The enemy violently bombarded the sector Louvemont-Vaux, and we replied.

In the course of other artillery work we destroyed gas apparatus between Berry-au-bac and Rheims.

British Hold Trenches.

December 22, 1.35 a.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—A strong raiding party last night approached its opposite bank. Some entered our trenches, but were promptly ejected. We successfully raided trenches south-westward of Armentières.

The raid northward of Arras, reported on Wednesday, yielded 50 prisoners.

Aeroplane dropped a ton of explosives on points of military importance behind the enemy's lines.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

Mr. Ralphs' Address to Scholars.

Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, presented the awards at the Italian Convent School yesterday.

In the course of an address to the scholars, Mr. Ralphs said:—"On my visits to the school I have been struck with the happiness of the pupils, and their devotion to their work; in the lowest classes particularly the tiny children seemed quite happy and too interested in their occupations to think of being troublesome or restless. Great attention is very properly given to the education of the young children, with results that are apparent in the Upper School. You are to be congratulated upon the improvement which has taken place in the teaching of domestic economy. The old system of learning by heart a series of paragraphs which you recited quite correctly, but I am afraid, with little understanding, has been abolished, and after the lessons given to you by your mistresses and Dr. Koch, you were able to pass a difficult examination both practical and theoretical in First Aid; the Examiner, Surgeon General Hoskyn, R.N., reporting that both intelligence and capacity were displayed by those whom he examined. I am glad to know that the work already done in this direction is now being supplemented by lessons in home nursing given to you by Dr. Koch, and further to learn that this very useful subject is popular in the school and appreciated by your parents."

In my report, referring to Compositions in Class I, I wrote:—"The work was of a very high order, and gave evidence of what,

on enquiry, I found to be actually the case, viz.—that the girls are encouraged to read in their spare time." I would congratulate the Sisters on their action in fostering the reading habit among you, for acquaintance with good books will not only enlarge your views but afford you many happy hours, and you will find as you grow older that you will often turn with affection to the books you read and enjoyed in your earlier years. Speaking of composition, reminds me that in one of the papers written for me by a pupil whom I see present this morning, were these words:—"I'm sorry I am a girl; if I were a boy I should be allowed to play football, then,—I am only a girl!"—Laughter. Yesterday, looking at a newspaper from England, I happened to see at the head of a paragraph the words, "Admiral Jellicoe's Advice to Girls," and so I naturally proceeded to find out what his advice would be. The paragraph stated that a short time ago the Lord Mayor of London paid a visit to the Grand Fleet, and remembering that he would shortly afterwards go to distribute prizes at a Girls' School, he asked the Admiral for a message which he might convey to the girls. The Admiral said:—"Tell the girls to live up to the best traditions of their school, just as we are trying to live up to the best traditions of the Navy." This school, the school of the Italian Convent, to which you all belong, has great traditions for you to live up to. It fosters above all things a righteous life, a life devoted to the service of others. You girls have before you the noble example of the Sisters, who have devoted themselves to your welfare. They teach you, and teach you very successfully, the various subjects in which I examine you on my visits to the school, but there is something far nobler and far more important which they labour to impart to you—the qualities which go to make obedient and dutiful girls who shall in time grow up to be virtuous women, leading useful lives and making the world better and happier. Several of you have just received first aid certificates from the St. John Ambulance Association: it will interest you to know that the mottoes of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, under which that Order works, are "For the Faith" and "In the service of Humanity." No words can better describe the traditions of your school than these which I have just quoted, and these traditions I trust you will all ever strive to live up to. Through the centuries, men and women of the Order have kept these mottoes before them as their guiding star, and never in the history of Christendom has there been a greater need for the exercise of these virtues than now and in the coming years. On you, who are just growing up, will rest the great responsibility and the great privilege of proving that the work of the Italian Convent has not been in vain.

A great English statesman, in a speech which is to-day being read eagerly all over the world said, that it is not what a nation gains which makes it great, but what it gives. To you, much has been given, but if you would be great, you must give much, not in money, but in service—service to your fellow-creatures, giving help to the ill-clothed, and comfort to the sorrowing. This your training in the Italian Convent has you made, and this the Sisters have made you as a duty to do, in return for the care which has bestowed upon you

EXPORTING DOLLARS.

Prosecutions at the Police Court.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with endeavouring to export 390 Hongkong silver dollars without a permit.

A detective stated that he found the man going on the s.s. Haibong with the money done up in a basket.

His Worship confiscated the money, and inflicted a fine of \$1. Another man was charged with exporting \$50, and his Worship confiscated the money and inflicted a \$1 fine.

His Worship:—Are there notices up?

The Detective:—I believe there are in the Chinese papers.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

On Sunday, Christmas Eve, carols will be sung at the evening service at St. John's Cathedral, at 5.45 p.m., and after this service there will be a short service of preparation for the Christmas Communion. On Christmas Day there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8.45 a.m., 7.45 a.m., and at noon. Matins will be at 11 a.m., when the Bishop of Victoria will be the preacher. There will be Holy Communion at the Peak Church on Christmas Day at 8 a.m.

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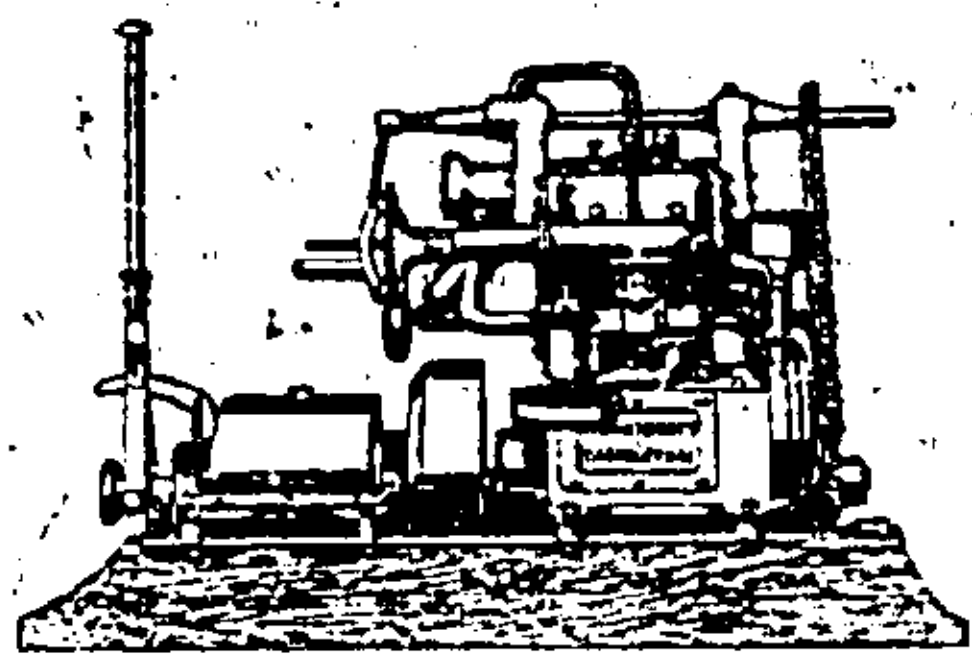
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GENERAL NEWS.

Selection of a School Site Cause a Riot.

It is reported from Takako, Toyama Ken, says the Kobe Herald that in connection with the construction of a new Primary School in Nojiri Mura, Higashi Tonami Gun, Toyama Ken, about three hundred villagers on hearing of the arrival of the Headman of the County at the Village Office, stormed the Office and attacked the Village Headman and officials. They then repaired to the newly erected school where they assaulted an Inspector of Schools. Forty of the villagers were arrested.

Another Jute Fire in Calcutta.

Calcutta, 27th November.—The fourth big jute fire within a few days occurred at Sany Jute Press yesterday, where a double-storied godown, fully stocked with bales of jute and surrounded on all sides by godowns was burned out. Soon after the arrival of the firemen the roof of the godown gave way, and about two hours later the end walls collapsed. Prompt steps were taken that no firemen were injured. The loss is estimated at about Rs. 75,000, and is not covered by insurance. Nothing is known as to how the fire originated. The press belongs to Messrs. Jovan Mull Chandra Mall.

Small-Pox in Kobe.

Kobe, Dec. 3.—Some months ago an epidemic of small-pox was prevalent in Kobe, especially in the Hyogo district; and it raged with much virulence for some times till it was stamped out by the efforts of the local sanitary health authorities. It is now reported that small-pox has again broken out in the slums in the Hyogo district, and so far there have been 15 cases. These cases of small-pox are said to have occurred mostly among the recently arrived inhabitants in the slum quarters, but this excuse seems to be offered to explain why the compulsory vaccination enforced at the time has not proved effective.—Japan Chronicle.

W. G. Grace, Cricketer.

The wonderful career of the late W. G. Grace in the cricket field is hardly likely to be forgotten by enthusiasts of the game, but the book recently published by John Wisden and Co., Cransbourne-street, will serve as a reminder of his great achievements. The author, F. S. Ashley-Cooper, has compiled a record of the famous player's performances in first class matches from the time the G.O.M. of the game made his debut, and the interest and value of the publication is enhanced by the remarks which accompany each match in which "W. G." took part. The book is published at 2s.

Aeroplane Alights in a Street.

Manchester, November 11.—An inquest was held on Thursday at Felling, Gateshead, on Robert Helm Brewis (57), a cooper, who was injured by an aeroplane on October 15, and died later. The aviator said he had occasion to land at Felling. As he was returning the journey the machine got into an air pocket, and when he was endeavouring to alight in the main street the aeroplane struck a lamp-post and crashed to earth. The machine caught fire, and became a total wreck. The main street was the only available space for alighting. The witness expressed regret at the accident, and said he did not know Brewis was injured till some hours afterwards. The jury found that death resulted from pneumonia, due to his injuries, and exonerated the aviator from blame.

The Highest Gun.

An account of a visit to "the highest gun in the war" was given by Mr. Will Irwin, one of the war correspondents from the United States with the armies in Europe, to the Society of American Women in London at the Savoy Hotel. The gun, he said, was on a peak of the Alps 11,000ft. above sea level. It was a big gun and it took 300 men of the Italian Army two months to get there. He said that this was an illustration of the wonderful feats of military work in the mountains achieved by the Alpini. Thanks to the skill and the thousands of Italians who had acquired engineering experience in the United States mules were now drawing wagons where formerly none but an expert mountaineer would venture.

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CHRISTMAS 1916.

For a third time, in wishing all *Telegraph* readers a happy Christmas, we are obliged to do so under the shadow of war, and with but little hope of an immediate restoration of peace on earth. In the year that has gone by since the last Christmas celebration, a few million more casualties have been inflicted on Europe, a few hundred thousand more houses have been filled with mourning, and from the Allies' point of view, there is but one real asset to show for all this: their increased determination to conquer and punish Germany. The recent great speech by the British Prime Minister shows all too plainly that to talk of peace at the present moment is to waste breath. Every man, save those who are making good monetary profit out of it, would give the half of his possessions to see the war ended; but no sane subject of any of the Allied countries believes for one moment that he would be justified in voting for peace under present circumstances. It is as much our duty to proceed with the fight as it was incumbent on us to enter into it. If Britain's Allies are in error in declining to listen to peace proposals now, then they were also wrong in defending themselves, in the first instance, against German aggression, and Britain was wrong in not skulking at home at ease while Belgium was tyrannised over. There are no half measures in a case like this.

We cannot congratulate ourselves yet on being at peace with the world; but we may at least feel proud that the tie of friendship between our Empire and the other Entente countries is stronger than it has ever been in our history. Russia, whom for sixty years we distrusted and misjudged, has become the warmest and most reliable of friends; France, whom we fought, at intervals, for seven hundred years—and, thank God, always with the exercise of chivalry on both sides—is now our very blood brother; and with these two great countries as with Italy, the brotherhood born on the battlefield is not likely to die in the years of peace to come. We and they are fighting, not from slaughter-lust or from greed of territory, but in order that the world may enjoy permanent peace. To-day's conflict is even more a Holy War than were those Crusades in which our ancestors shed their blood side by side with Frenchmen and Flemings and Italians; and every soldier or sailor of the Entente who has fallen in it, may be said to have sacrificed his life for the sake of bringing to the world a peace that will endure. If the past two years have taught us nothing besides, they have at least implanted in us Britishers a lasting friendliness for the countries, great and small, that are sharing with us the solemn duty of breaking Germany's power for ever.

It may be that we in Hongkong will have little room to feel especially proud of ourselves this Christmas, and little claim, when peace comes, to having been a party to bringing it about; but even we have learned one lesson: that, next to picking up the rifle ourselves, the best thing that we can do is to assist in the soothing of the pain caused by the war. In this, at least, Hongkong has not been backward, even though it has in its power to help still more, during the coming year, the various war charities on whose funds there is such perpetual demand. Human suffering demands relief, and who should be more ready to listen to the cry than we who have lost nothing and suffered nothing? We can do nothing to towards the restoring of peace, but we can all do something in a small way towards helping those whom the war has crippled in body or estate.

The Italian Convent School.
From the manager's report on a year's work at the Italian Convent School, the public has been given an excellent opportunity of gauging the splendid work which this institution is doing. One cannot have read the report without feeling that the instruction given at this school is not only comprehensive but most thorough. We are especially glad to observe that special attention is being given to the study of domestic education among the girls. The school is evidently well-equipped for the carrying out of experiments and demonstrations, and what we are especially gratified to notice is that, besides the ordinary domestic instruction, the scholars are encouraged to take an interest in such subjects as home nursing and the feeding and care of infants. As Mr. Ralph rightly pointed out, the school has great traditions to maintain. Apart from the imparting of knowledge, the Sisters are labouring with a devotion and a self-sacrifice which is beyond all praise, and the tribute which Mr. Ralph paid them, of being especially concerned in teaching those under them to serve their fellow-creatures, to help the afflicted and to comfort the sorrowing, is in every way deserved. It is in the encouragement of this outlook on life that the Convent School is doing an especially noble work. And this observation applies with equal force to those other schools in Hongkong in which kindly and large-hearted Sisters are spending a life in the educating of the younger generation.

Dr. Wilson and Peace.
The general feeling among subjects of the Allied nations President Wilson's interference in the war situation is probably that it constitutes an excellent example of a man's trying to teach others how to control their households before having learned to manage his own. Dr. Wilson's opinion is hardly called for just now. He is a man whom we all respect—and whom we should all respect a very great deal more if he were less tinged with "bluff". But in his latest effort there is, in addition to "bluff", a certain interesting mixture of impudence and hypocrisy. "He draws attention to the point," says Beuter, "that the objects which all the belligerent statesmen have declared that they have in mind are virtually the same." What is this but the rankest hypocrisy? Who knows better than President Wilson that there is no possible comparison between the Entente and the Central Powers, where the object of the conflict and the methods of carrying it out are concerned? This pose of strict impartiality is by no means a new one; it is one that many of our friends across the Pacific have been affecting ever since the war began.

"Six and Half a Dozen"
For a nation that has always boasted its readiness to see that small countries are not oppressed, it is a highly unusual one; it saves it the trouble of eating its own words, and makes the road to enormous war profits tolerably easy. The President has sent Notes by the bushel, protesting against Germany's uncivilised methods of carrying on the war, and yet he can now muster up the effrontery to assume that the Entente Powers are no better; that it is just a case of "six and half a dozen" between us and Germany, and that we have any other motive in fighting than the defence of Belgium's rights. His anxiety for peace at this stage tempts one to suppose that his party has got all that it wanted to get out of the war, and is now worrying about its own skin. This being the case, it is, of course, high time that a President who has allowed American lives to be taken with impunity, and who made no protest against Germany's villainous breach of solemn treaties, should feel it his pious duty to intimate that it is time for the war to cease. Unfortunately for him, Europe does not care two cents what he and the party that returned him to power think or intend. Europe feels rather that he would be better occupied in continuing to play at war with Mexico, or else in looking after the German plots who seem pretty well to control his country for him.

DAY BY DAY.

LIFE PLACES NO LIMIT ON THE
DOING OF GOOD DEEDS.

To Our Readers.
Monday being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of the *Telegraph* on that date.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—(London, Nov. 20.)—Arrived per a.s. Nippon Maru to-day.
Canadian Mail.—Due per a.s. Empress of Russia to-morrow.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.13/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 53rd anniversary of Thackeray's death.

Parcel Rates.
The *Gazette* publishes the rates of postage on parcels to the Republic of Colombia, etc.

The Pilotage Board.
Captain Thomas Arthur has been appointed a member of the Pilotage Board, vice Mr. Thomas Philip Hall, resigned.

Cinema Matinee.
There will be a special matinee on Christmas Day at the Hongkong Theatre at 4.30 p.m. Sweet and toys will be given to the children present.

Convention Extended.
The *Gazette* notifies that the Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States relative to the disposal of real and personal property is extended to Porto Rico.

Cinema Restriction.
It is notified that the authorities of Indo-China have prohibited the taking of cinematograph pictures within the territories under their jurisdiction by any persons other than French subjects.

Concert.
A concert is to be given in King George's Hall, Seamen's Institute, on Wednesday, December 27, at 8.15 p.m., by the "Diana Coons," a company of 15 artistes, including Peppin, a handcliff and lock chain expert. Admission is free, and a collection will be taken on behalf of expenses.

Christmas Vacation.
The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on Public and General Holidays when the offices will be entirely closed and on Saturday, the 30th instant, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, subject, however, to the provisions of Section 5 of the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, 1898, so far as it relates to the Criminal Sessions. The Christmas Vacation commences on the 24th instant and terminates on the January 1, 1917, (both days inclusive).

Disturbance in a Theatre.
Three Chinese were charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with creating a disturbance at the Tai Ping Theatre. Inspector O'Sullivan said the three men were sitting in seats under the gallery, for which they had paid, and an employee went round to collect two cents for the use of mats they had been supplied with, whereupon the first defendant shouted:—"Strike him!" The others took up the cry and there was a disturbance. A witness said the men did not actually strike him, but they threatened to do so. The men were cautioned and discharged.

Christmas Draw.
Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club and their friends assembled in large numbers last night at the Clubhouse on the occasion of the eighth annual Christmas draw. In all, there were 291 prizes, comprising turkeys, geese, pigs, hams, hampers, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, plum puddings, Christmas cakes etc. and there were 1,270 tickets sold. An atmosphere of seasonable jollity prevailed, and as the winning numbers were announced there was a deal of good-humoured banter. Those who were sufficiently fortunate—or unfortunate—to draw livestock were much in evidence after the event, and some funny scenes were witnessed in the conveyance of their prizes safely home.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

"A Modern Santa Claus."

[BY WILLIAM HILL.]

Christmas Eve. Cold, bitterly cold, snow falling fast.
John Duncan, with his well worn coat drawn tightly about him, hands thrust deeply into his empty pockets, head drooping forward, walked slowly, aimlessly, despairingly, down the village street. He was a sober, steady, hard working man, but fate was unkind to him just now. He was out of work and penniless.
At home, a small two-roomed cottage situated on the outskirts of the village, waited an anxious wife and four expectant children. There would be no Christmas dinner, and Santa Claus would not call this year. John's credit in the village had reached its limit, he was already threatened with a distraint warrant. Uncle Sol, who kept a flourishing establishment in the neighbouring market town, had possession of many of John's belongings.

Through the close drawn blinds of every house he passed, shone the warm, bright glare of a Christmas fire, and the happy laughter and joyous shouts of children could be heard. John had a glance under one blind. Yes; there was the Christmas Tree, loaded with bon-bons, toys, and all the things that go to gladden the heart of a child.

And the children were there, and the mother and father, and the cat, and the dog—and all so happy.

As John turned away his cheeks were wet, and glistening beads fell fast upon the snow.

Just then a party of youthful carol singers broke forth into song, and their sweet voices, harmoniously blended, rang out on the still night air in a song of triumph and praise:—

"Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled."

This was too much for John. He quickened his pace, looking neither to right or left. Why, he asked himself, should he be singled out to suffer? What had he done to deserve it? And if he deserved it, why should his wife and children be punished as well? He had been taught of a God who was good, and of a Saviour who called little children to come unto Him. Where did the goodness of God come in in his case?

Thus meditating, he reached home. Mrs. Duncan met him at the door. One glance was sufficient to dash all her hopes to the ground.

"John, dear, I'm so sorry. I wouldn't mind a bit, and we could manage to pull through by ourselves. But what are we to tell the children? Last Christmas they had plenty of everything, and they are looking forward for to-morrow's good things. Georgie has been poking a long stick up the chimney to see that there is nothing in the way to stop Father Christmas coming down, and all of them have hung up their stockings. Oh, John, it does seem cruel! Whatever shall we do?" And, bursting into a flood of tears, she threw herself on her knees, buried her head in her arms on a chair, and wept as only a broken-hearted mother can weep.

John watched her for a few minutes, then gently lifted her up, dried her eyes and kissed her.

"Cheer up, little sweetheart; something may turn up yet."

Nobody felt come pattering down the stairs, and Georgie, the eldest of the four, appeared in the doorway.

"Good-night, daddy; good-night, mummy. We're a-going to sleep now. Aint Father Christmas sent nothing yet? Why last year he sent lots and lots of things on Christmas Eve, didn't he?" He won't forget us, will he?"

John looked at the lamp in his hand, then at the children, and then at his wife. "Of course he won't. What ever makes you think that? You know, he's got so many, many places to go to and so much to do, and he's getting older every year. Now you just go and get to sleep, and be good, and then he will leave all the best things."

Mrs. Duncan lay down in an old easy chair, and was soon fast asleep from sheer exhaustion.

John sat and smoked. Slowly the hours dragged by and silence reigned. What could he do? Nothing. And there crept into his mind a thought which has crept into many a mind. Why not end it all? Was life worth living?

Don't!.....Don't!.....
The village church clock commenced to chime the hour of midnight. As the last echo died away in the great stillness, he got up, went to the window and looked out—looked out upon a great desolate, white world. Christmas morn! How cold it was. How cheerless. How fast the snow was falling. He remembered that he had a small bottle of carbolic acid in the cupboard. Yes, that would do. He would creep quietly out and take the path into the woods. They would never find him there. The snow would cover up his foot prints. It were better thus. The cupboard opened noiselessly. Yes, there was the bottle. He glanced guiltily round the room. His wife was fast asleep. He slipped it into his pocket. Then he tiptoed to the door. He stopped, thinking. Then he sat down and took off his boots. Recrossing the room, he cautiously climbed the stairs. Stealing about the room, starting at the slightest creak, he bent down four times, and four times his lips touched a little face; four tiny little faces were kissed by a father's lips. Downstairs again, he bent once more, this time over the sleeping form in the chair. Then he put on his boots and lifted the latch.

Hark! What was that? Sorely a familiar sound. A peculiar purring, a monotonous buzzing, becoming louder every second. Yes; there was no mistaking it. An aeroplane was fast approaching the village. He opened the door and stepped outside. Nearer and nearer, louder and louder grew the noise as the machine came swiftly on. Then suddenly, through the snow, he saw it. For one moment it seemed to tower right over him. Then.....Good God! It was falling straight down on top of him?

Instinctively he stepped back into the room, and almost at the same instant came a loud crash. The machine had struck the cottage roof. He sprang for the stairs, tripped over a chair and fell heavily on his shoulder. He felt a nasty pain as his frightened wife put her arms around him and helped him to rise. He was conscious of a great deal of banging and thumping overhead. And there stood Georgie, white-faced and breathless, trying to gasp out something.

"Dad, dad! Mom, Mum!! Father Christmas has come! I missed the chimney and fell through the roof, but he hasn't hurt himself a bit. Do come up and see him; he looks so funny."

Slowly, with the help of his wife, John mounted the stairs. What a sight! A gaping hole in the roof through which stray flakes were creeping, a heap of tiles and wood on the floor right between the children's two beds, and there, sitting on the only chair, was a..... Well, it was hard to tell. Covered with snow from head to foot, a large tangle of holly wound round the body in bandolier fashion, the creature sat there staring at the hole in the roof through which could be seen part of the wrecked machine.

"There he is Daddy, look at him. Can he speak our language?" The figure in the chair, turned its head, rose from the chair, laughed, and spoke.

"Good morning, friends, good morning. The seasons compliments! Now let me explain. I was with a gesture demanding silence, John stepped forward and whispered in the stranger's ear. Then, turning to his wife, he said:—"Midge dear, just take the children downstairs while Mr. Christmas brushes some of the snow off his face."

When they were gone, the stranger introduced himself as Lieut. Holdsworth, of the Royal Flying Corps, and told his story. He had lost his way in the snow, and then the accident had happened. He was on his way to pay a surprise visit to a rich uncle who had several children. He had intended to land in a field just in front of the house, walk up to the front door, knock, and introduce

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SHARE REPORT.

The quotations which follow are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for December 23, 1916.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—166 per cent. premium, buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton.—\$90 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company.—\$61 per share, sales and buyers.

North China Insurance.—Tls. 257½ per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Ltd.—\$107 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association.—Tls. 102 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.—\$32½ per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company.—\$93 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.—\$34 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.—\$80 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company.—\$120 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Hotel Company.—\$50 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures.—\$501.

Indo-China S. N. Company.—\$25 per cent. div., sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company.—\$37 per share, sales and buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Ltd.—\$176 per share, sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited.—\$52 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company.—\$80 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.—\$112 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.—\$61 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co. Ltd.—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.

A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.—\$19 per share, buyers.

Hongkong High Level Tramway Co., Ltd.—\$65 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.

Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.—\$14 per share, sellers.

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Then John with tears in his eyes, told the story of his bad fortune and great temptation.

And Lieut. Holdsworth, alias Father Christmas, stayed the night with John and his wife. While it was yet dark John stole forth and out a X-mas tree and stuck it in a pot. He also took from his pocket a little bottle which he carefully replaced in the cupboard.

There was no more sleep that night for Georgie and Co. The whole contents of the Aeroplane Car was passed through the hole in the roof, the Christmas tree was overloaded, cakes, pies, sweets, nuts, and oranges covered the tables, and in the kitchen was a big fat turkey and a wonderful Christmas pudding.

And when it was daylight Father Christmas said he must go. As his wings were broken he must catch a train. And he quietly slipped out.

"Mr. Duncan," he said, as they shook hands, "I'm glad that accident happened. It's the poor who want a Father Christmas, not the rich. Here's my address. If you require any help don't hesitate to ask." He was gone. John opened the envelope which had been left in his hand, and drew out a card and two tiny pieces of paper. On the card was printed:—
"Night 12.7.7. Holdsworth, R.F.C."
Mistaken Hall.
Sellers.

The two pieces of paper were Bank of England notes for five pounds each.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH EXTRA

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

AUSTRIANS SHELL A HOSPITAL.

December 22, 10.10 p.m.

An Italian official message says:—The enemy shelled the military hospital at Gorizia, despite the visible red crosses. There were six casualties amongst the staff.

THE INVASION OF RUMANIA.

Oil Wells and Refineries Destroyed.

December 22, 10.10 p.m.

A British Military Mission satisfactorily reports the destruction, under the Rumanian Government's orders, of the oil wells and refineries at the chief centres.

Daring Attack on Bulgarians.

December 22, 10.10 p.m.

A Russian communique says:—On the Rumanian front, the enemy's attempts at an offensive were repulsed in the Dobrudja. Detachments withdrew northwards after stubbornly resisting superior forces on the whole front.

A regiment daringly attacked the advancing Bulgarians, who were thrown into a lake and mostly drowned.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Some French Successes.

December 23, 12.25 a.m.

A Paris communique states:—There has been a lively artillery duel in the region of the Hardraumont work, Louvemont and Chambray.

Several successful *coup de main* were carried out in different sectors.

There was intermittent cannonading elsewhere.

Attempted Raid Repulsed.

December 23, 12.30 a.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We repulsed an attempted raid opposite the Hohenzollern Redoubt. Our artillery dispersed working parties to the north of the Aisne.

A BARON'S BRAVERY.

Killed Whilst Serving as a Private.

December 22, 1.45 p.m.

The death is reported, in action, of Baron Hubert de Reuter, the only son of the late Baron de Reuter. He was killed at Beaumont Hamel on November 13, whilst serving as a private in the Black Watch. Through his persistent bravery and resource, his platoon of twenty men captured a German officer and 97 men. He was killed while carrying a third comrade to a place of safety. The Colonel of his regiment writes that he had intended to recommend, deceased for a very high distinction if he had lived.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE.

December 22, 2.30 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law refused to make a statement regarding President Wilson's Note. He declared that the question could only be dealt with in communication with our Allies.

WHAT PORTUGAL IS DOING.

December 22, 6.50 p.m.

The President of Portugal, interviewed, stated that at present there are 15,000 splendidly-trained troops holding the Rovuma River from the Indian Ocean to Nyassa, while 6,000 additional troops are proceeding thither from Portugal. The Portuguese effort in Europe would be made at a moment when it would have the maximum effect.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Hongkong and China District.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. E. Ralphs state:—

Y.M.C.A. Division.

Promotion.—Ho Lei-son, Divisional Secretary, to be Divisional Secretary and Sergeant.
First Aid Examination.—An examination in first aid will be held at the Tung Wah Hospital on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 8 p.m.

All recruits will attend this examination; trained members who have not passed a first aid examination since January 31, 1915 may attend at their option.

Salvage Division.
Recruits will attend a first aid lecture on Thursday, 28th inst., at 6.15 p.m.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Measrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Langkat output is as follows:—

Dec.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	98	98	90	95	90	116	97	103	109	95	108	102	102	103	106	104	101	92	93	101	99	100

Total to 22nd inst. 2,207

Daily average 100.31

DAY BY DAY.

Land Sale.

Inland Lot No. 2218, Kennedy Road, is to be offered for sale on Monday, January 8, at the P.W.D. offices. It comprises about 11,326 square feet, and the upset price is \$2,265.

Snatching Charge Falls.

At the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with snatching a watch, valued at \$5, from the person of another Chinese in Des Voeux Road yesterday. Mr. O. D. Melbourne, after hearing the evidence, discharged defendant.

Supposed Suicide.

A Portuguese, named Felix Abraham, of 37, Pokfulam Road, was found dead on the floor of his house last evening with a bullet wound through his head. Deceased, who was about 42 years of age, had apparently shot himself with a rifle, which was found lying near him.

Sanitary Board.

The Sanitary Board meets on Thursday next, when it will consider the report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of the accommodation required by the wholesale poultry trade and the possibility of providing such accommodation elsewhere than in Ko Shing and Li Sing Streets.

Victoria Theatre.

A special feature of the current programme at the Victoria is one that no one should miss. It is a film called "All British" and it shows the interior and working of the munitions factories, together with a vast amount of interesting detail connected with life in the Army Service Corps, Royal Flying Corps and Royal Artillery. The pictures are beautifully clear and explicit, and they show us, in a way that nothing short of reality could show, what Britain is doing, at home and at the front, to win the war. Those who go to see the film will probably want to pay it a second visit.

THE SMALL POX EPIDEMIC.

Sixty-two Deaths This Week.

The return, issued by Dr. Woodman, Medical Officer of Health, showing the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the week ending December 22, reveals no less than 89 fresh cases of small-pox, of which 70 occurred in Hongkong and 19 in Kowloon. Of these, 62 cases proved fatal, and among the cases notified five were British, 1 American and the rest Chinese.

The only other infectious disease notified in the Colony during the period was enteric fever, six cases (four from Victoria and two from Kowloon), the subjects infected being one British, one Norwegian and the rest Chinese. There were two fatal cases.

THE SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

11 a.m.

Banks.	a.	\$	725.00.
Unions.	a.	\$	923.00.
Douglases.	b.	\$	118.50.
Indos (Del.)	b.	\$	138.00.
Steamboats.	a.	\$	20.00.
Chinese Sugar.	b.	\$	129.00.
H.K. Wharves.	a.	\$	36.00.
K'loon Dock.	b.	\$	129.00.
S'hai Dock.	a.	\$	89.00.
H.K. Lands.	a.	\$	95.00.
S'hai Options.	b.	\$	117.50.
Cements.	b.	\$	12.00.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) state:—

Standing Orders.

The following is to be inserted in Standing Orders and numbered 15 (a):—"Inspectors, Sergeants and Constables on patrol duty are directed by the Capt. Supt. of Police to report any neglect of duty, or any conduct inconsistent with a due performance of duty, on the part of any regular Indians or Chinese police on beat. To assist them in this, beat slips will be issued when going on duty. They are not to give any orders to any such regular police officer.

No. 2 Platoon.

All ranks, except those on duty, will parade under the O. O. Platoon outside the Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, on Friday, December 29. Fall-in at 8.30 p.m. Uniform, caps and covers, and rifles.

Band and Orchestra.

Members of these units, who are exempted from all other duties, will, as from January 1st, 1917, in case of absence from or unpunctuality in, attending practices, and in other matters, be subject to the same disciplinary measures as those governing ordinary patrol and drill defaulters.

Mounted Police.

P.C. 87 Ko Shin Kau, No. 3 Company, is transferred to this detachment.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 23rd at 11.35—Pressure has decreased considerably at Weihaiwei, moderately on the east coast of China and slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone has again weakened and has moved eastward; it is now central over south Japan. Depressions are indicated to the north of the Gulf of Pechili and to the N.E. of Japan.

The monsoon will be interrupted along the China coast, but moderate to fresh north easterly winds, will prevail over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.05 inch. Total since January 1st, 79.86 inches, against an average of 82.83 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock—	E. & N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel—	N.E. winds, fresh.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocks—	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan—	The same as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 23, 1916.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous	Day	On date	On date.
			at 8 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.02	30.04	29.97	
Temperature	65	61	67	
Humidity	68	74	54	
Wind Direction	E	E	E	
Force	3	3	4	
Weather	o	o	o	
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.05	

Highest open air temperature on the 22nd 65
Lowest " " " " " " 57
H.K. Observatory, December 23, 1916.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Japan and the United States.

Kobe, December 11.—A San Francisco telegram to the *Osaka Asahi* states that the committee of the American Christian Union which some time ago despatched Dr. Gulick to Japan and is making efforts to settle the American-Japanese question, published the result of its investigations on the 9th. It says that the anti-Japanese movement in America is not only a shame to the States but a source of great trouble to America. The anti-Japanese movement creates mingivings amongst the Americans regarding Japan and anti-American feeling amongst the Japanese. This is likely to cause a serious calamity between the two countries. In conclusion it says that the Christian doctrine does not discriminate between races nor make any difference between the Orient and the Occident. The doctrine is understood by all Americans.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—4th Sunday in Advent, 24th December, 1916. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial. Venite: Novello. Psalm: Camidge, Kinke, Travers. Te Deum: Woodward. Smart. Turle. Jubilate: Hayes. Hymns: 52, 49. God Save the King. Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses: Ferial. Psalms: 89, 110, 132. Magnificat: Goss (7th evening). Nunc Dimittis: Havergal (7th evening). Carols: The first Nowell. God rest you merry, gentlemen. Like silver lamps. Good King Wenceslas. Hymns: 60, 62, 482 (T 298). N.B.—Psalm 89, verses 1, 5, 9, 16, 24, 33, 37, 45, 50 in unison. Psalm 110, verses 1, 4, 7, in unison. Psalm 132, verses 1, 8, 15, 19, in unison. Carol: 1, verses 1, 6, Harmony, 3, 4. Unison. Carol: 2, verses 1, 7, Harmony. 3, 5. Unison. Carol: 3, verses 1, 5, Harmony, 4. Unison. Carol: 4, verses 1, 5, Harmony.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Holy Communion (7.45 a.m.) Hymns: 59, 62, 332, 512, 551. Service: Merbecke. Matins (11 a.m.) (Full Choir). Responses: Ferial. Venite Crotch. Psalm: Monk. Ouseley. Macfarren. Turle. Te Deum: Oakeley in F. Jubilate: Hayes in F. Anthem: "Arise Shine"—Elvey. Hymns: 60, 62, 59. God Save the King. N.B.—Psalm 19, verses 1, 7, 12, 15, in unison. N.B.—Psalm 45, verses 1, 4, 7, 11, 18, in unison. N.B.—85, verses 4, 7, 13, in unison. Holy Communion (12 noon.)

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.—Sunday before Xmas. 24th December 1916. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Morning Prayer. Responses: Ferial. Venite: Ouseley 25th morning. Psalms: 24th morning As Set. Te Deum: Oakeley (Quadruple). Benedictus: Bennett, W. A. 38. Hymns: 83 (A & M 62). Carols: "I was in the winter cold." Hymns: 324, 2nd Tune. 561, 1st Tune. Evening Prayer. Psalms: 24th Evening As Set. Magnificat: Havergal. Nunc Dimittis: Tonus Perceus in unison. Hymns: 83, (A & M 62). Carol: "It fell upon a night." Hymns: 235 & 395.

XMAS DAY.

25th December 1916. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Morning Prayer. Responses: Ferial. Venite: As Set. Te Deum: St. Jude. Jubilate: Goodson. Kyrie: Warriner. Hymns: 84, 86, 474, 87.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Service, December 24, Morning 11, Hymns: 30, 529, 29. Paraphrase 39. Anthem: "There were Shepherds." Subject: Household Piety. Evening: 6, Hymns 28, 5, 8, 35, 111. Annual Collection for Sunday Schools. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.—Sunday, December 24, 1916. 8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.20 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. 5 p.m. Flower Service (The flowers will be sent to the Hospitals). Christmas Day. 8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

The Gospel Hall.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedders Street). Weekly Services:—Sunday. Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Exposition of Scripture 8 p.m. Thursday, Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday, Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.—Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Arsenal Street.—Sunday Evening, Gospel Services 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glencahy.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Church of Christ Scientist.—MacDonnell Road. Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

The Bijou.

The Bijou Theatre is showing some very good pictures to-night. The programme includes a beautiful five-part detective story entitled, "The Detective's Daughter", "Satan's Gentle", in two reels and "Tweedledum Looking for a Job."

PORTUGUESE TROOPS READY.

To Fight in the Trenches in Europe.

Lisbon, Nov. 11.—In the Chamber of Deputies, to-day the Prime Minister, Senhor Almeida, made a statement regarding the official Note recently published explaining the reasons for the adjournment of the Parliamentary elections. He said:—

"Any sort of internal agitation would be extremely inconvenient at the moment when Portugal is already engaged in Africa in a violent struggle against the Germans, in conjunction with the troops of the Union of South Africa, and when the first contingents of the Portuguese army are ready to leave for the European battlefields in order to demonstrate the close collaboration of our country with her old ally, Great Britain, and the other nations also fighting for right and justice. It is therefore indispensable that the country should continue to remain quiet and thus bring to failure the dark projects of those who dared to disturb public order and who really have in view an attempt to prevent Portugal from carrying out her solemn obligations."

The Prime Minister then praised the Portuguese troops operating in Africa, emphasising the results and importance of their efforts and saying:—

"If, as has already been said and written, the future of Portugal is in Africa, this effort is notable as imparting energy to our action as a colonial country, while the co-operation of the Portuguese army on the European battlefields will assure our existence as an autonomous nation. The future of Portugal will be decided in the trenches in Europe."

The Minister of the Interior moved a resolution fixing July 1 as the date of the general election. The proposal was agreed to with the amendment that the elections should take place in time to permit newly elected members to take their seats in the Chamber on July 1. In the Senate the Government repeated the explanation which had been made in the Chamber as to the reasons for adjourning the elections. Senhor Menels the Unionist leader, demanded that the Government should take some steps to put a stop to the intrigues of German refugees in Spain. He submitted a request for a secret sitting in order that internal and foreign policy might be discussed. The President of the Senate, in view of the gravity of the demand, said he would have to go into the question before coming to a decision. The extraordinary work of Congress being completed the Senate adjourned.

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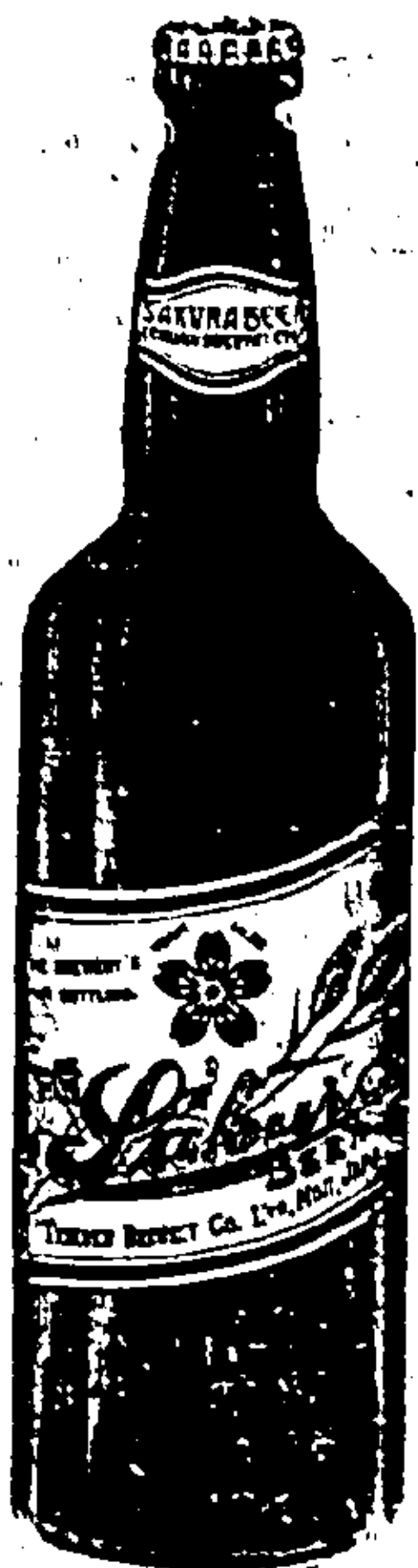
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(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

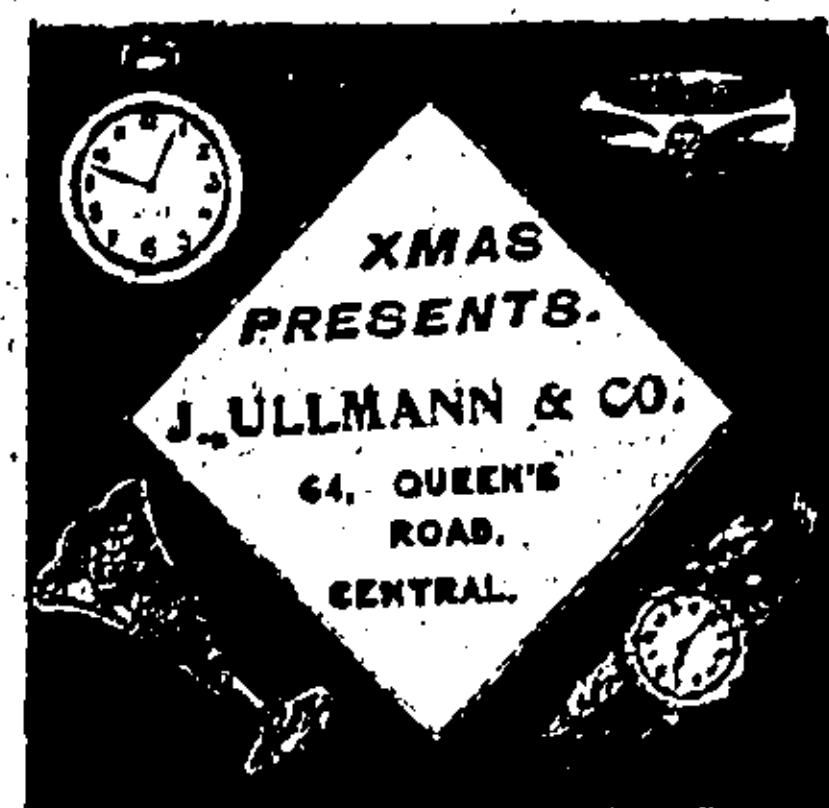
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38	15	39	7	41	17	44	7	46	17	50	
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VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama	Shidzuoka Maru Capt. Noma T. 12,500 Kamamura Maru T. 12,500 Capt. S. Kawashima	WED., 3rd Jan. at noon. TUES., 23rd Jan. at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda, T. 9,600 Aki Maru T. 13,500 Capt. K. Yoshikawa	TUES., 16th Jan. at 11 a.m. TUES., 13th Feb. at 11 a.m.
COCHIN via Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, BOMBAY via S'pore, Malacca & C'bo.	Tosa Maru Capt. O. Sakamoto T. 10,000 Yorofu Maru Capt. S. Hirata T. 8,000 Bombay Maru Capt. S. Shinohara T. 8,000	SUNDAY, 31st Dec. SATURDAY, 23rd Dec. SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama	Kirin Maru Capt. T. Sasaki T. 8,000 Aisuta Maru Capt. K. Itano T. 16,000 Aki Maru T. 13,500 Capt. K. Yoshikawa	SATURDAY, 23rd Dec. SATUR., 13th Jan. at 10 a.m. THURS., 11th Jan. at 10 a.m.
NAGASAKI, Kobe and Yokohama	Moyori Maru Capt. M. Taniguchi T. 8,000	SATURDAY, 23rd Dec.
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HONGKONG	Shansi	25th Dec. at 10 a.m.
HONGKONG	Foochow	25th Dec. at noon.
SWATOW/BANGKOK	Huifong	25th Dec. at noon.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	Kailung	26th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	26th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW/SINGAPORE	Luchow	27th Dec. at noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Teian	27th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Shantung	28th Dec. at 4 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Refloating.

The large oil-tank Mitra, loaded with a full cargo of oil, went ashore at the mouth of the Yangtze on the spit 4 1/2 miles Tungsha Lightship on December 7. Assistance was sent her with lighters to relieve her of her oil and after discharging 13,000 tons, she was refloated at 3 a.m. on the 14th and has arrived safely at Shanghai.

Royal Belgian Lloyd.

The board of directors of the Royal Belgian Lloyd has been increased to six members by the addition of Mr. Edmond Carton de Waert and Mr. Albert Koestlinger. The Royal Belgian Lloyd now has 39 ships under its flag. Messrs. Brys and Gilsen, in Antwerp, shipowning firm, are the founders of the Lloyd, and possessed 27 steamers in 1915, and in July, 1915, when the Lloyd was reconstituted under an agreement with the Belgian Government they had 35. The Lloyd are running a regular service between the United States and France, and will shortly commence running from London to West India ports and thus they have secured the service of the former Manila agent of the German Hansa Line. The trade from the Indies to Belgium and Germany was, before the war, the monopoly of the Hansa Line, but after a victorious peace the the Belgian Lloyd will take care of this traffic so far as Belgian ports are concerned.

A Practical Method of Saving Sinking Ships.

"How to save a sinking ship" has long been the subject of speculations and demonstrations on the part of naval architects and engineers. From all these inquiries in the past very few practical results seem to have been achieved. The war has put a new seriousness upon this, as upon most other nautical and engineering problems. At a time when the greatest difficulty is experienced in demand for new merchant ships a method of safeguarding those already on the sea must prove a vastly important factor to the shipping world. The situation is intensified, inasmuch as the ordinary perils of the sea are many times multiplied by the losses due to enemy submarines. Such a state of affairs has recently focussed the attention of several naval architects and engineers upon the system for saving sinking ships perfected by Messrs. J. and W. Brunton, the well-known inventors of the hydraulically-operated watertight bulkhead door. The question at issue is practically that of stability, and if means be found by which a ship can retain her stability, no matter how low in the water, she can be navigated into a place of safety, even though seriously damaged. The Brunton system of flooding enables the ship to regain her equilibrium rapidly. There is no new apparatus required. It only means an extension of the operations of the main circulating pumps already in the ships. Many cases can be cited where a comparatively small damage to a ship has caused her to lose her balance, topple over and sink, but if the Brunton flooding system had been adopted the ships might have been saved. Exhaustive critical experiments with models have proved the practical value of the system. And the principles of this are as follows:—If one end of a ship is damaged, her buoyancy lost, and she is being pulled down into the water by the weight of material at that point, the other end rises up proportionately. By pumping water into one of the compartments at the other end—and for this purpose the main circulating discharge water can be used—above the water line, and until there is a "head of water," the weight of which acts as a lever, the ships is pulled level again. She has a little more draught, it is true, but she has less water in her than when she was down at one end. If the ship is damaged at the side and water rushes into one of the longitudinal bulkheads, the list is counteracted by pumping water into one of the compartments on the other side of the vessel. That this actually does take place is very convincingly shown by a series of experiments, and demonstrations with models, in the offices of Messrs. Brunton Bros., Ltd., 17, St. Stephen's House Victoria Embankment, Westminster, London, E.W.

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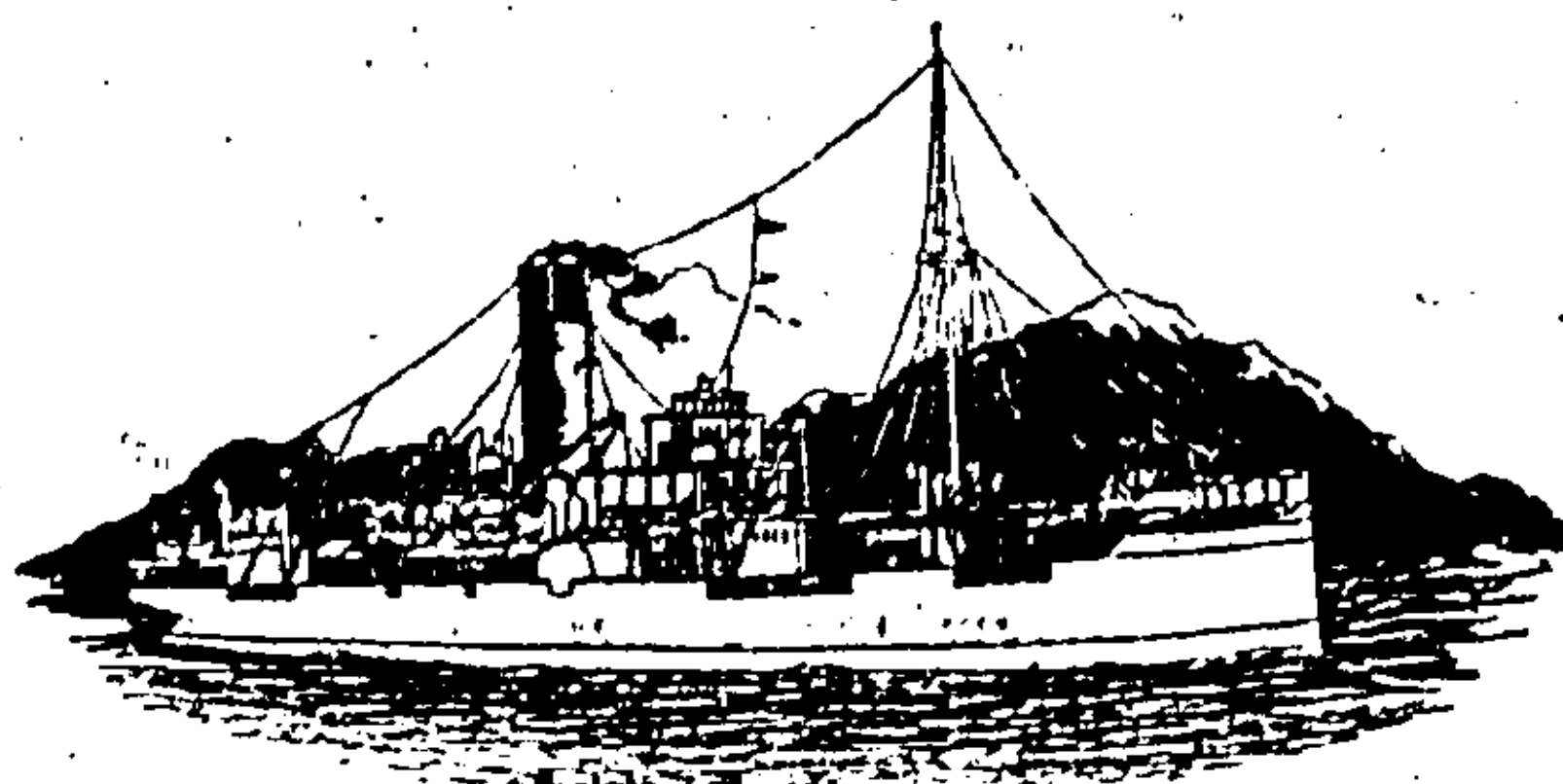
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Liverpool via Ports	Ningchow	B. & S.	28, Dec.
London via Cape Town	Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	28, Dec.
London via Ports	Novara	P. & O.	29, Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Eurythius	B. & S.	31, Dec.
Genoa	Merakia	J. M. Co.	Dec.
London via Ports	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
London via Ports	Pelesus	B. & S.	5, Jan.
London via Ports	C. of Madras	B. & S.	10, Jan.
London via Ports	Teucer	B. & S.	10, Jan.
London via Ports	Somali	P. & O.	17, Jan.
Liverpool via Ports	Tydeus	B. & S.	20, Jan.
London via Ports	Phemius	B. & S.	23, Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA

Seattle via Japan	Protesilaus	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	28, Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Equador	P. M. S. S.	30, Dec.
Victoria B.C. via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4, Jan.
South American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	9, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	10, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Arakan	J. C. J. L.	11, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	17, Jan.
Victoria B.C. & Seattle	Kamakura M.	N. Y. K.	23, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Persia M.	T. K. K.	27, Jan.
Seattle via Japan	Ixion	B. & S.	27, Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31, Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	3, Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

AUSTRALIA.

Australia via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	25, Dec.
Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	16, Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27, Jan.
Australia via Manila	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	13, Feb.

SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Shanghai and Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	23, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Kirin M.	N. Y. K.	23, Dec.
Kobe	Moyori M.	N. Y. K.	21, Dec.
Bombay via Ports	Yeterofu M.	N. Y. K.	23, Dec.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. Co.	23, Dec.
Saigon/Hongkong	Kashing	B. & S.	23, Dec.
Hongkong/Hongkong	Foochow	B. & S.	23, Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Wingsang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Haiphong	Loksang	J. M. Co.	24, Dec.
Swatow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai	Anhui	B. & S.	24, Dec.
Swatow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	24, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Japan	D. S. & Co.	25, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Shirala	D. S. & Co.	25, Dec.
Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via Swatow	J. C. J. L.	26, Dec.	
Shanghai	S. Jacob	26, Dec.	
Shanghai	Luchow	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Shanghai	Sunning	B. & S.	25, Dec.
Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	26, Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Haiphong	Tean	B. & S.	27, Dec.
Java and Makassar	Tijlajap	J. C. J. L.	27, Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Tijlanoek	J. C. J. L.	28, Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Kobe and Moji	Phemius	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Siantung	B. & S.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Yusang	J. M. Co.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Chyysang	J. M. Co.	29, Dec.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	29, Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	30, Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Somali	P. & O.	31, Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	31, Dec.
Kobe	Tijlanoek	J. C. J. L.	7, Jan.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Teenkai	B. & S.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Tijlanoek	J. C. J. L.	3, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	4, Jan.
Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	5, Jan.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nyanza	P. & O.	7, Jan.
Manila	Ixion	B. & S.	11, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Atusta M.	N. Y. K.	13, Jan.
Shanghai and Japan	Antiochos	B. & S.	16, Jan.
Shanghai	Telamon	B. & S.	21, Jan.

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s
Steamer "ECUADOR" arrived Shanghai
December 18, at 8 a.m., and is expected
to arrive Hongkong via Manila, and is ex-
pected to arrive here December 26.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s S.S. "COLOMBIA"
will leave San Francisco for Hongkong
on March 10, via Honolulu and Japan
Ports.

The S.S. "CHINA" arrived in San Fran-
cisco on Tuesday, December 12, in
accordance with schedule, and will sail
from there on time Friday, December 15.
She is due to arrive in Hongkong on
January 20, 1917.

The Pacific Mail steamer "VENEZUELA"
which left Hongkong December 12, left
Yokohama for San Francisco via Honolulu
at 3 p.m. December 21.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. O. S. S. "EMPEROR OF
RUSSIA" leaves Manila on Dec. 23, at
p.m., due to arrive Hongkong on Dec. 24,
at 6 a.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.
Wialay, Br. ss. 4,399, Rotterdam, 4th Sept.
Yungo Bay, 30th Aug. Gen. J. L.
Loksang, Br. ss. 970, Manila, 10th Dec.
Hailow, 7th Dec. Gen. J. M.
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deposited made before counter-
signature of Bills of Lading can
be given.

Goods not cleared by the 27th
instant at 5 p.m. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed and dam-
aged packages are to be left in
the Godowns where they will be
examined by Messrs. Godard &
Douglas on the 23rd instant at
10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer for
damage due to ordinary handling
must be presented within 15 days
of arrival otherwise they will not
be recognised.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1916.

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will be ready for delivery from
Godown on and after 23rd
December.

Optional cargo will be landed,
unless notice has been given prior
to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and dam-
aged goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be exam-
ined on any Tuesdays and Fridays
between the hours of 10.45 a.m.
and noon within the free storage
period.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the
29th December, will be subject
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before the 11th
January, or they will not be
recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

VESSELS DUE.

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Tonnage.	Date Due.	From.
B. & S.	Protesilaus	9,54	Dec. 23	Manila
J.C.J. L.	Tijlanoek		Dec. 24	Shanghai
J.C.J. L.	Tijlajap		Dec. 24	Kobe
P. & O.	Somali		Dec. 24	London
P. M. S. S.	Equador		Dec. 26	San Francisco
J.C.J. L.	Tijlanoek	6,699	Dec. 26	Java
B. & S.	Phemius		Dec. 26	Liverpool
J.C.J. L.	Tijlajap		Dec. 28	Fohe
P. & O.	Novara		Dec. 28	Bombay
P. & O.	Nyanza	4,929	Jan. 2	Liverpool
B. & S.	Teenkai	10,220	Jan. 5	Seattle
B. & S.	Ixion		Jan. 6	Australia
G. L. & Co.	St. Albans		Jan. 11	Kobe
P. & O.	Somali		Jan. 14	Bombay
P. & O.	Malta	9,078	Jan. 15	Liverpool
B. & S.	Antiochos	10,220	Jan. 19	Manila
B. & S.	Ixion	4,509	Jan. 20	Liverpool
P. M. S. S.	China		Jan. 20	San Francisco
B. & S.	Euryades	5,713	Jan. 23	Liverpool
P. & O.	Nyanza		Jan. 25	Kobe
B. & S.	Namur		Jan. 28	London
B. & S.	Talithybius		Jan. 31	Seattle
B. & S.	Hyson	6,607	Feb. 3	Liverpool

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"GLENARTNEY" having
arrived here per S.S. "SUI-
SANG," Messrs. Godard &
Douglas will attend at the Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Company's Godowns,
Kowloon, on FRIDAY 22nd inst.
at 10 a.m. to survey all damaged
packages. Consignees of cargo
arrived are requested to have
representatives present.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents, "Glen" Line (McGregor
Gow & Co.) Ltd.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1916.

TIDE TABLE.

From 18th Dec. to 24th Dec., 1916.

Day.	Hour.	High Water Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.
Mon.	18	4.40	1.10
Tues.	19	5.10	1.40
Wed.	20	5.40	2.10
Thurs.	21	6.10	2.40
Fri.	22	6.40	3.10
Sat.	23	7.10	3.40
Sun.	24	7.40	4.10

m morning. a afternoon.

CONSIGNEES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "CARMARTHENSIRE"
From UNITED KINGDOM &
INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

Owing to an outbreak of fire
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The General Average Bond
will require to be signed and
deposited made before counter-
signature of Bills of Lading can
be given.

The S.S. "CARMARTHENS-
SHIRE" is due here about 16th
December.

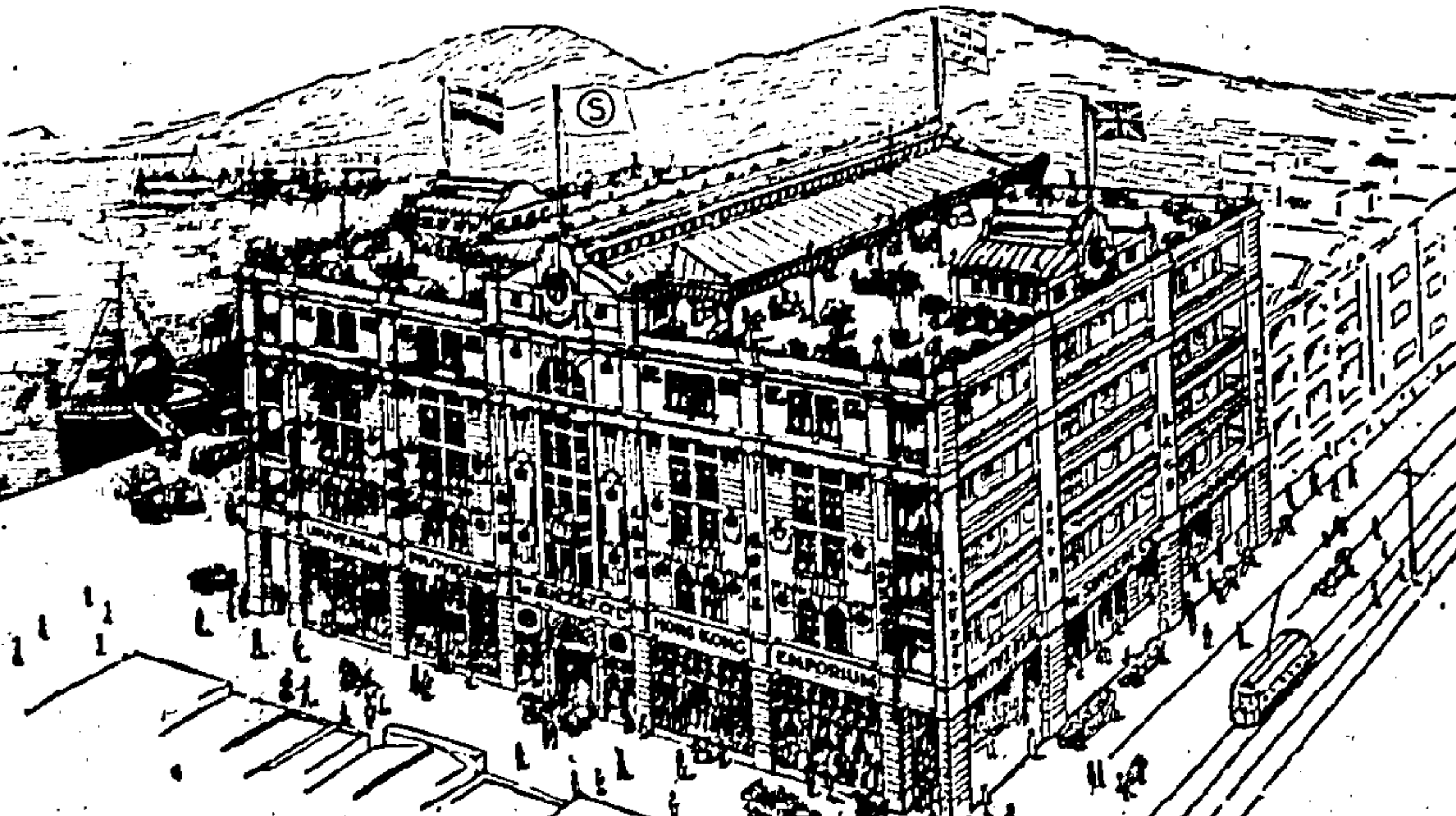
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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

Interesting Speech by Dr. Jordan.

It was Speech Day yesterday at St. Stephen's College, a large audience assembling for the occasion. The attendance included Bishop Lauder (in the chair), Dr. Jordan (Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University), Mr. Pattenden, and many old scholars.

The Bishop of Victoria said it was a joy to see some of the old students wearing their academic robes. They were glad to welcome Dr. Jordan, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University. Although St. Stephen's College had had a great past it was going to have a still greater future. There was a danger of Chinese students working too hard and thus failing to take advantage of the various subjects taught them, in their eagerness to gain academical knowledge.

In his report, the Warden, the Rev. W.H. Hewitt, made reference to the many changes in the Staff, some of which had been occasioned by the War. He sympathetically referred to the death, while serving his country, of Mr. Manderson, a former member of the Staff. They wished to maintain a close connection with the students who had left them. They wished to remember their names and to take an interest in their work. There were many ways in which the link between them and the College could be maintained.

The columns of the College Magazine, *The Chimes*, were always open to them and the Editor and Warden would always welcome letters. He would like to see a day fixed as Founders' Day at a convenient period of the year to permit a large gathering of old boys. There was one very practical link between the Old Boys and the College and that was the Barnett Scholarship, to the donors of which he tendered hearty thanks.

This fund had been contributed to by about 160 Old Boys to commemorate the warden-ship of Archdeacon Barnett. The same gentlemen gave to the School the handsome portrait of the Archdeacon which hangs in this Hall.

They were fully confident that the religious and moral instruction imparted by their English teachers would not contradict but would rather support and strengthen

those fundamental elements of Confucian ethics imparted in the Chinese forms by their Chinese classical teachers. To one element they were all agreed must be conserved and fortified if modern China was to have a natural organic development derived from its own historic past.

Another very important department of their educational work was upon the athletic field.

In football for the first time in their history they were able to run two teams, and that with considerable success. The first team won the third place in the Senior division of the Inter-school league, while the second team won the cup offered for annual competition in the Junior division of the same league, carrying an unbeaten record with 15 points out of a possible 16. In the school seven-a-side football competition they had 56 boys playing out of a total of about 150 on the school roll.

One of their representatives, Hau Chee Tak, carried off the Junior Championship cup in the inter-school sports.

In the Summer Swimming Club they had 70 members, 26 of whom passed the qualification test for swimmers, viz.—twice round the launch.

Referring to the Matriculation and Senior Local Examinations he remarked that only 31 per cent of their candidates passed, but many reasons might be offered for this.

In the Senior Locals they had six passes out of a total of 16 candidates. Two of these were allowed the matriculation on the result of the examination, and two won distinctions. In the Junior Local Examination during this period they sent in 28 candidates: 21 satisfied the examiners. Several distinctions were won.

For the Oxford Preliminary 1915 there were nine candidates, of whom eight passed. In 1915 they required the whole Fourth Form to sit to this test, together with selected students from a lower form. There were 27 candidates, and 25 passed.

The number of students had increased from about 100 to 152. There were 43 boarders, a larger number than ever before.

Dr. Jordan said he was of opinion that the title "Speech Day" was not sufficiently understood in that distant part of the world. It was commonly used in the principal Colleges in Eng-

land, and was applied to a public day at the end of the examinations. They were, he said, in a position to-day to say to the youths of all the many provinces of China "Come to Hongkong and we will greet you and look after you in such excellent institutions as St. Stephen's College, where you will be morally and mentally trained and developed on such lines as your tendencies may require. Your mental powers will be developed and disciplined in a manner essential to moral and effective action, and in this way you will become prepared by example and inculcation and by impression for entering your University career." It was in a College like that they would first gain their general knowledge preparatory to passing on to their hostel and to the University. Having entered on that new life they would undergo a process of systematic development and cultivation of the mind and other natural powers, the direction of the feelings, the tastes and the manners, all of which might be summed up in the one word education, an education which now identified itself as similar to that received in other Universities of the world. Hongkong was peculiarly situated. Looked upon as a foreign Colony by China it was nevertheless a great collecting and distributing centre of commerce from China and especially South China, but when the great Canton-Hankow Railway was completed they could foresee the tapping of other central provinces in trade with them. Similarly in matters of education. He was optimistic enough to believe that in the near future Hongkong would become an equally great collecting and distributing centre for the youths of China from the four points of the compass for the purpose of giving them education, starting from Colleges and working up to the University, and a distributing centre in passing out the same youths imbued with the foundations of all the good derived from education in western sciences and arts, yet not having lost any of the good characteristics of a Chinese gentleman nor forgotten the land which gave them birth. The University looked to such colleges as St. Stephen's to supply the raw material, and also to wealthy Chinese who in days gone by sent their sons to Europe for education. To those fathers who intended

sending their sons abroad he would say "Look nearer Home! Look at Hongkong, where you can get all you want for your sons." They also looked to the Church Missionary Society and other missionary societies to supply the raw material. If this were done then the dreams of St. Stephen's College, of the Hostel and the University would be realised in the very near future.

Prize List.

The following is the list of successful candidates in Matriculation and Local Examinations 1915-1916.

Matriculation.—July 1915, Chen Ah Poh, (Honours); Dec. 1915, Kwong Hing Fuk, Leung Nai Yuen, Wong Ping Kwan, and Man Shu Sing (all Canton Government Scholarships).

Senior Local.—July 1915, Chau Nin and Wong Wai Hon, (Qualified for Matriculation); Kwong Hing Fuk, Au Wai Kwok, Leung Kwong Kwong; July 1916, Leung Sai Yan.

Junior Local July, 1915, Leung Nai Yuen, Man Shu Sing. (Distinction in Classical Chinese and Physics); Wong Ping Kwan, Leung Yun Chat, Au Yu King, Li Chung Ching, See In Liang, Liang Sea Yen, Leung Nai Hong; July 1916, Cheung Wai Hon, So Wai Yauk, Liu Chun Kin, Tam Cheung Huen, (Distinction in Bib. Knowledge); Liu Cho Man, Tang Shu Shang, Pau Chik Yan (Distinction in Physics, Drawing and Bib. Know.); Liu Wa Sun, Yeung Sik Hang, Un Ka Lau, Chau Kit Nin, Chau Sek Nin, (Distinction in Bib. Know.).

The following passed the Oxford Preliminary Local Examination in October, 1915.—Chan Sek Hui, Fung Sun Pui, Liu Chun Kin, Tam Cheung Huen, Un Ka Kui, Un Ka Lau, U Kwai Chi, and Yeung Sek Hang.

The successful students in the Oxford Preliminary Local Examination for October, 1916, were: Chan Kwok Nam, Cheng Yick Kwan, Kwok Pock Heng, Kwok Man Chui, Lai Piu Cheung, Lam Kai Leung, Lim Ngai Hong, Liu Chun Seng, Liu Ka Po, Lo Ming Wan, Lui Zhu King, Mak Yiu On, Ma Wai Lam, Ng Hong He, Ng See Chi, San Cho Wing, San Shing Sam, Tam Wai Lam, Tsoi Hak Hon, Wong Po Ki, Yon Hon Ping, Yeung Tao Wai, Yip Hin Hung, Yip Sez Wa, Yung Hin Fun.

1891.**HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.**

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending December 23, 1891.)

The Dollar.
December 23.—"The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 3/0."

Capture between France and Bulgaria.

December 18.—"France has broken off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria in consequence of latter refusing to permit the recall of expelled French journalists."

Saved by the British.

December 21.—"After a great deal of unnecessary trouble, the local authorities have succeeded in inducing the Chinese authorities to release, and hand over to the custody of Inspector Hanson, a Chinaman named Lam Ah Ying, who was kidnapped by Chinese Yamen-runners in British territory, at Sam-sai-po, on the 7th July last. Ever since that time despatches have been flying about between the local government, the British Consul at Canton, and the Chinese authorities. At first the latter denied having such a man in custody at all, but finally admitted it, and on Saturday last—after being brutally tortured, charged with committing a burglary near Canton 16 years ago (!), and being half starved in a filthy dungeon—the unfortunate man was formally surrendered by the Chinese to the British Consul at Canton, who handed him over to Inspector Hanson last week. The latter arrived here with the victim yesterday and was at once sent to the hospital, where he now lies. The man has lost the use of one of his legs owing to the torture applied to it, and his body and legs are tattooed with scars caused by the bamboo, skillfully laid on by stalwart li-tors. In reply to our inquiries as

to what amount of compensation the man intended to demand of the Chinese Government, the patient said—"I fear to demand anything. My mother lives at Yum Ching in the province of Kwang-tung, and if they could not get at me they would make it hot for her. But, irrespective of that, I fear that should I demand compensation the same, or some other gang will get hold of, and butcher me. I was brutally tortured and starved, and hang up to my heels for four hours to try and make me confess. When going to the British consulate in Canton, the Magistrate said that if I denied being arrested in British territory he would release me. He said—"Say you were grabbed at Chung-sai-wan, not at Sam-sai-po." I said "All right." But as soon as I got under the British flag I feared him no more, and stoutly denied that I was in Chinese territory when kidnapped. One of the party that arrested me was a man who owed me a grudge, and threatened to 'go for' me long ago. The trouble was over his sweetheart. I am very thankful to the British authorities. They have saved my life."

A Libel Action.
December 22.—"Our reports of the daily course of the great libel action have necessarily been lacking slightly in that completeness and accuracy which we strive to maintain, and to a large extent we are indebted to our contemporaries, since it is a sufficiently heavy task to conduct a case like this, without having to report it in full and get the paper out punctually as well. In order that the case shall be fully and fairly recorded, we intend to publish the whole proceedings in pamphlet form, with a very few notes for the special benefit of the judge."

[The reference is to the Mr. Minibinet case, which Mr. Fraser Smith lost having to pay \$3,000 and costs.]

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NOTICE.**HOLIDAYS.**

THE Imports and Exports Office will be open on MONDAY, December 25th and MONDAY, January 1st till 1 p.m. for the issue of Import and Export Permits. The Office will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, 26th December.

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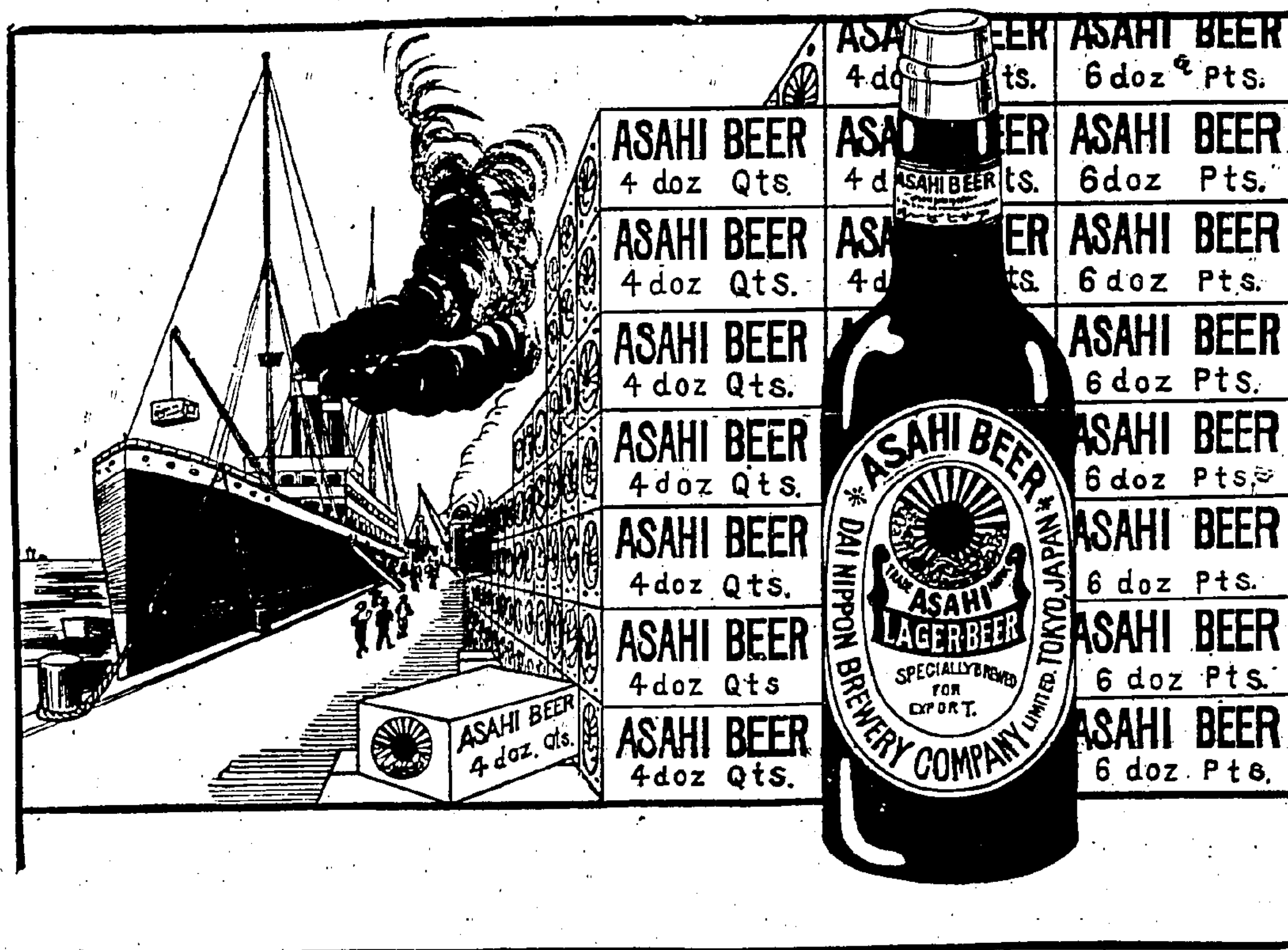
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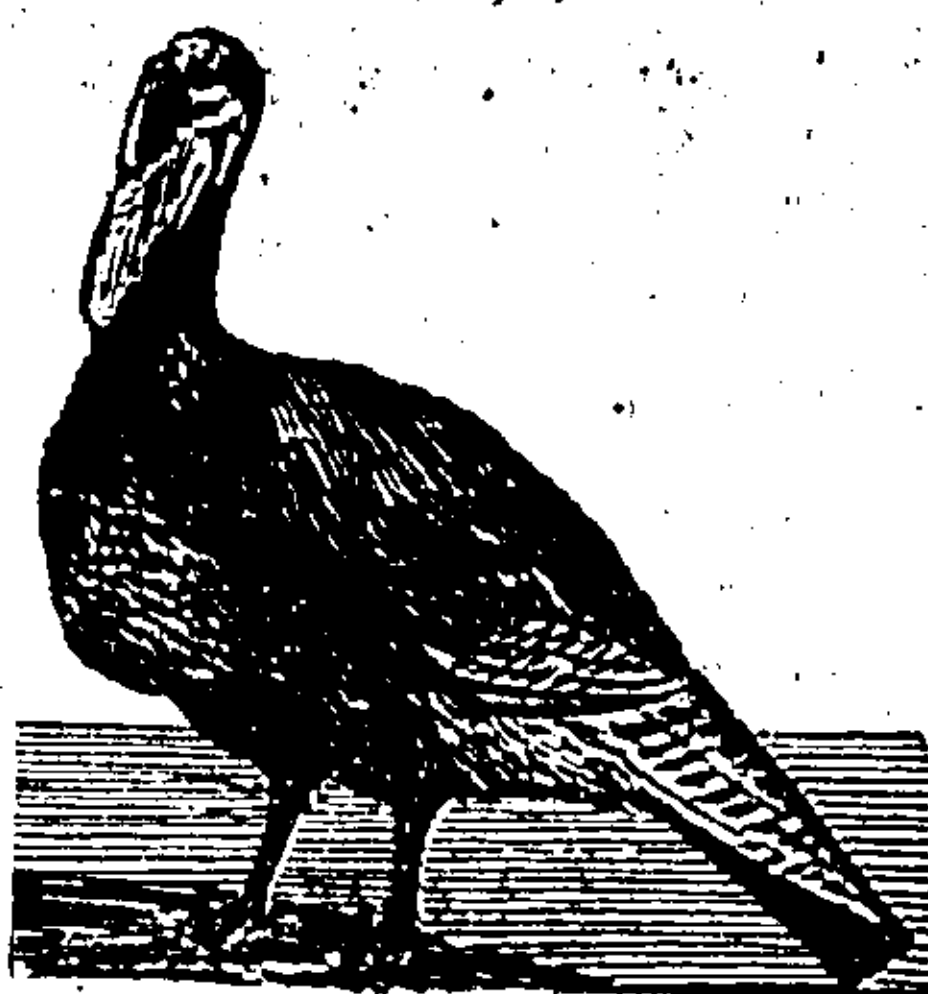


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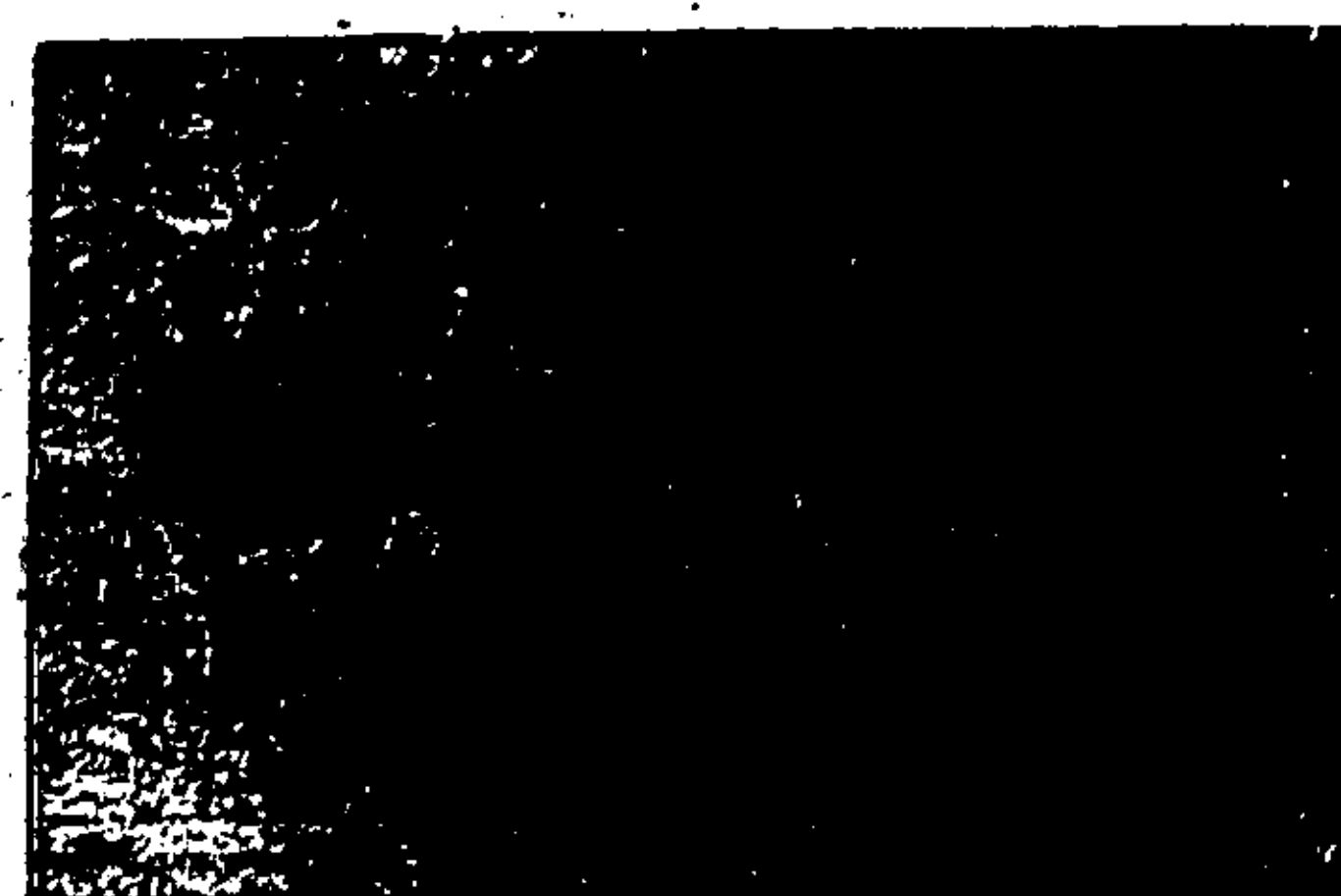


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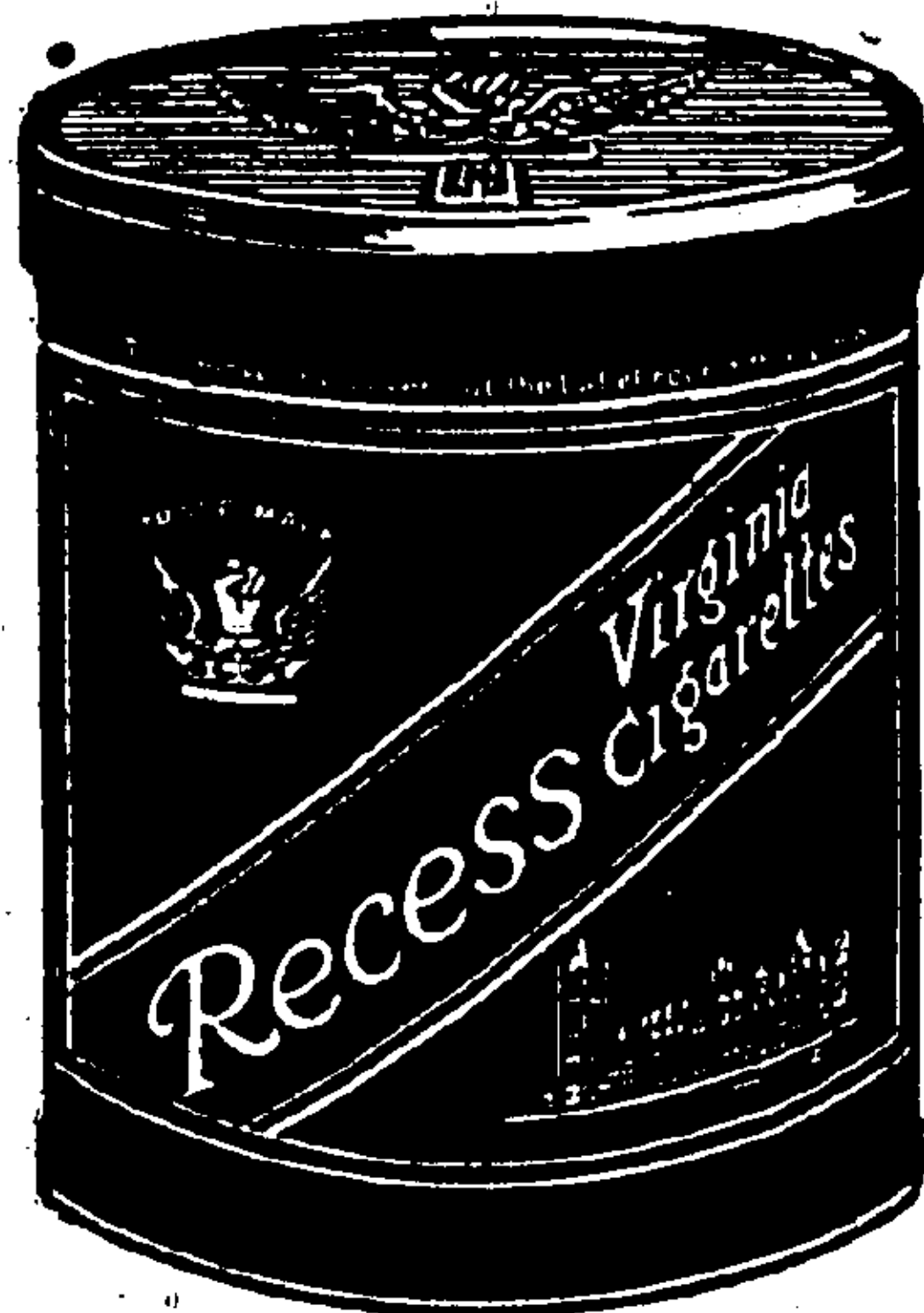
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| 7 Fried Sweetbread and Tomato Sauce | |
| 8 Roast Sirloin of Beef | 9 Roast Saddle of Mutton |
| 10 Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce | |
| 11 Boiled York Ham | 12 Roast Capon |
| 13 Boiled Potatoes | 14 Roast Potatoes |
| 15 French Beans | 16 Petit Pois |
| 17 Plum Pudding & Brandy Sauce | 18 Mince Pies |
| 19 Stewed Pears and Cream | 20 Apple Pies |
| 21 Cream Cheese | 22 Roquefort Cheese |
| | 23 Mixed Salads |
| | 24 Beefsteak and Spring Onions |
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| 3 Boiled Schnapper | 4 Smoked Fish |
| 5 Chicken in Aspic | 6 Lamb Cutlets and Petit Pois |
| 7 Stewed Pigeons | |
| 8 Roast Sirloin of Beef | 9 Roast Saddle of Mutton |
| 10 Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce | |
| 11 Roast Chicken | 12 Roast Goose and Apple Sauce |
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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Monday the 25th, Tuesday the 26th December and Monday the 1st January from 8 to 9 a.m.

There will be no collection and no delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sunday.

There will be a delivery of Registered Correspondence at 9 a.m. on the 26th December and 1st January.

The Money Order Office will be closed during the Holidays.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

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Canada—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 24th Dec.

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MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Philippine Is.—Per YUENSANG, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per ANHUI, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, & Port Moresby (via Batavia)—Per BANRI MARU, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Hongay—Per CHIPSING, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Hongay—Per FOCHOW, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Haiphong—Per LOESING, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—TYDEUS, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per KIRIN M., 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Formosa via Keelung—Per SUYCHIRO MARU, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Hongay—Per TSURU MARU, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Shanghai & N. China—Per WINGANG, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow—Per HAITAN, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

Chinwangto—Per JINJU M., 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

Bangkok—Per KYODO M. No. 13, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

St. Paul, Ceylon & India via Bombay—Per TENSIN M., 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 25th December.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per HUPEE, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per JAPAN, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

Hongay—Per SHANSI, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 26th December.

Australian Mail. Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand & New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per EASTERN, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

Hongay—Per KWEILIN, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per SUNNING, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 27th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA M., 27th Dec., 9 a.m.

Macassar, Sourabaya, Samarang & Batavia—Per TJILATJAP, 27th Dec., 9 a.m.

Philippine Is.—Per TEAN, 27th Dec., 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per KIRIN M., 28th Dec., 9 a.m.

Formosa via Keelung—Per SUYCHIRO MARU, 28th Dec., 9 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

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Glenalloch, Br., as 1,044 MacKenzie, 22nd Dec.—Singapore, 13th Dec. Gen.—Chinese.

Paoing, Br., as 1,190, Barina, 22nd Dec.—Swatow, 21st Dec.—B. & S.

Suychiro M., Jap., as 912, Aoi, 22nd Dec.—Yayeyama, 20th Dec.—Coal—Order.

Shansi, Br., as 1,212, Simons, 22nd Dec.—Hongay, 20th Dec.—Coal—B. & S.

Telemachus, Br., as 1,341, Fraser, 22nd Dec.—Batron, 13th Dec.—Rice—Chinese.

Tsuru M., Jap., as 1,201, Nakano, 22nd Dec.—Moj, 16th Dec.—Coal—M.B.K.

Tokai M., Jap., as 3,738, Idaka, 22nd Dec.—Mika, 16th Dec.—Coal—M.B.K.

Yusang, Br., as Campbell, 22nd Dec.—Wuhu, 17th Dec.—Rice—J. M. & Co.

Kwailin, Br., as 1,073, McCarthy, 23rd Dec.—Welba'wel, 17th Dec.—Gen.—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 21.

Albiana for Calcutta via Shanghai
Hakubin M. for Bangkok
Dagfin for Haiphong

Dec. 22.

Sinking for Shanghai
Chili for Saigon
Luchow for Canton

Cheongching for Hongay
Anping for Shanghai via Ningpo
Fukuhaku M. No. 8 for Singapore

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Hakata M. No. 3 for Singapore
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WEATHER REPORT.

The Weather Report and Forecast for to-morrow will be found on a Second Extra.

On the 22nd at noon—No return from Japanese stations.

With few exceptions, pressure has decreased slightly at all stations reporting. The anticyclone remains stationary but has weakened in intensity.

Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail over the east coast of China and the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 79.21 inches, against an average of 62.84 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast. E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock—N.E. winds, strong.

2 Formosa Channel—The same between H.K. and Lamocha as No. 1.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocha—The same between H.K. and Hainan as No. 1.

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China Coast Meteorological Register. December 22, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force. Weather.

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